



Articles to

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Item, whether a
nye Parson, vicar, or Curate, be
residēt continu-
ally vpon his be-
nefice, doing his
duetie in prea-
ching, reading,
and duely mini-
stryng the holye
Sacramentes.

Residence

Item, whether 2

in theyr Churches and Chappelles, all Images,
Shrynes, al Tables, Candlestickes, Trindelles,
or rolles of ware, pyctures, payntinges, and al o-
ther monumentes of faigned and false myracles,
pylgrimages, idolatry, and superstition, be remo-
ued, abolished, and destroyed.

False myracles

Item, whether they doo not euery holy day 3
when they haue no Sernon, immediatly after
the Gospel, openly, playnely, and distinctly, re-
site to theyr parishioners in the pulpit the Lords
prayer, the beleefe, and the ten commaundemen-
tes in Englyshe.

*The Lordes
prayer.*

Item, whether they doo charge fathers and 4
mothers, maisters, and gouernours of youth, to
bryng them bp in some vertuous studie and oc-
cupation.

*To bryng bp
youth.*

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Curates.

5 Item, whether suche beneficed menne as be lawfully absent from theyr benefices, doo leaue theyr Cures to a rude and vnlarned Parson, and not to an honest, wel learned, and expert Curate, whiche can and wyl teache you wholesome doctrine.

Reading the scriptures.

6 Item, whether they do discourage any person from readyng of any part of the Byble, eyther in Latine or Englishe, and doo not rather comforte and exhort euery person to reade the same at conuenient tymes, as the very lyuely worde of God, and the special foode of mans soule.

Tauernes and games.

7 Item, whether Parsons, Vicars, Curates, & other ministers, be common haunters and resorters to Tauernes or Alehouses, geuyng themselves to drynkyng, ryotyng, and playing at vnlawfull games, and doo not occupie themselves in the readyng or hearyng of some part of holye scripture, or in some other godly exercise.

Preachers.

8 Item, whether they haue admitted any man to preache in theyr Cures, not beyng lawfullye licensed thereunto, or haue benne licensed accordinglye.

Superstition.

9 Item, whether they be to declare to theyr parishioners, anye thyng to the extollyng or setting forth of bayne and superstitious religion, pilgrimages, reliques, or images, or lyghting of
candle.

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candels, kissing, kneelyng, or decking of the same images.

Item, whether they haue one booke or register kepte, wherein they wyte the day of euery wedding, Christening, and burying. 10
Register.

Item, whether they haue exhorted the people to obedience to the Queenes Maiestie, and ministers, and to charitie and loue one to another. 11
Obedience.

Item, whether they haue admonished their parishioners, that they ought not to presume to receaue the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christe, before they can say perfectlye the Lordes prayer, the articles of the fayth, and the ten commandementes in Englishe. 12
The sacrament.

Item, whether they be resident vpon theyr benefices, & keepe hospitalitie, or no. And yf they be absent, and keepe no hospitalitie, whether they do relieue theyr parishioners, & what they geue the. 13
Hospitalitie.

Item, whether Proprietaries, Parsons, Vicars, and Clarke, hauing Churches, Chappels, and Mansions, do keepe theyr Chauncelles, Rectories, Vicarages, and all other houses apperteyning to them, in due reparations. 14
Reparations.

Item, whether they do counsaile or moue their parishioners rather to pray in a tongue not knownen, then in Englishe, or put theyr trust in any cer- 15
Prayer in Englishe.

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Beades.

certayne number of prayers, as in saying ouer a number of beades, or other lyke.

Disfamed persons.

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Item, whether they haue receyued anye persons to the Communion, beyng openly knowen to be out of charitie with theyr neyghbours, or disfamed with any notorizous crime, and not reformed.

Pooze mens bore.

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Item, whether they haue prouided, and haue a strong chest for the pooze mens bore, and set and fastened the same in a place of the Church, most conuenient.

Testamentes.

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Item, whether they haue diligently called vpon, exhorted, and moued theyr parishioners, and especially when they make theyr testamentes, to geue to the sayd pooze mens bore, and to bestowe that vpon the pooze, whiche they were wont to bestowe vpon pylgrimages, pardons, trentalles, and vpon other lyke blynde deuotions.

Sycke. Buriall.

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Item, whether they haue denied to visite the sycke, or burie the dead, beyng brought to the Church.

Symonie.

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Item, whether they haue bought their benefices, or come to them by fraude, guile, deceypt, or symonie.

Adulterers.

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Item, whether they haue geuen open monition to their parishioners, to detecte and present

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to they? Ordinarie, al adulterers, & fornicatours,
and suche men as haue two wyues liuyng wityg
in they? parishes.

Item, whether they haue monished they? pa- 22
rishioners openly, that they shoulde not sel, geue, Church
nor otherwyle alienate anye of they? Church goodes.
goodes.

Item, whether they o? any of them doo keepe 23
mo Benefices and other Ecclesiastical Promoti- Many benefi-
ons, then they ought to do, not hauyng sufficient cices.
licenses and dispensations thereunto, and howe
many they be, and they? names.

Item, whether they minister the holye Com- 24
munion anye other wyle then onely after suche Communion
fournie and maner as it is set foorth by the com-
mon aucthoritie of the Queenes Maiestie and
the Parliament.

Item, whether you knowe any person within 25
your parishe, o? els where, that is a letter of the Letters of the
worde of God to be read in Englishe, o? sincerely woorde of pre-
ached cheng.
preached in place and tymes conuenient.

Item, whether in the tyme of the Letanye, 26
o? any other common prayer, in the tyme of the Goers out of
Sermon o? Homylpe, and when the Priest rea- the church.
deth the Scriptures to the Parishioners, anye
person haue departed out of the Church, with-
out iuste and necessarye cause, o? disturbe the
Minister

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Minister other wyse.

27 Church mony. Item, whether the money commynge and ry-
syng of any Cattel, or other moueable stockes of
the Church, and money geuen and bequeathed
to the syndyng of torches, lyghtes, tapers, or
lampes, not payde out of any landes, haue not
ben imployed to the pooze mens Chest.

28 Keepers of the Church mony. Item, who hath the sayde stockes and money
in theyr handes, and what be theyr names.

29 Contempt of Priestes. Item, whether any indiscrete person doo
charitably contempne and abuse Priestes and
Ministers of the Church.

30 The Kynges Grammer. Item, whether there be any other Grammer
taught in any schole within this Diocesse, then
that whiche is set forth by the aucthoritie of
kyng Henry the eyght.

31 The tyme of seruice. Item, whether the seruice of the Church be
done at due and conuenient houres.

32 Talkers in the Church. Item, whether any haue bled to commune,
iangle, and talke in the Church in the tyme of
the prayer, readyng of the Homilie, preaching,
readyng or declarng of the scripture.

33 Heresies. Item, whether any haue wylfully mayntey-
ned and defended any heresies, errors, or false o-
pinions, contrary to the fayth of Christ and holy
scripture.

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Item, whether any be common drunkardes, 34
 swearers, or blasphemers of the name of God, Drunkardes.

Item, whether any haue committed adulterie, 35
 fornication, or incest, or be common lawdes, or re- Adulterers.
 ceivers of suche euyl persons, or vehemently sus-
 pected of any of the premises.

Item, whether any be brawlers, slanderers, 36
 chydres, scolders, and sowers of discorde betweene Brawlers.
 one person and another.

Item, whether you knowe anye that doo vse 37
 charmes, sorceries, enchauntmentes, inuocati- Sorcerers.
 ons, circles, witchcraftes, soothsaying, or anye
 lyke craftes or imaginations inuented by the de-
 uyll, and specialllye in the tyme of womens tra-
 uayle.

Item, whether the Churches, Pulpittes, and 38
 other necessaryes apperteyning to the same, be Pulpittes.
 sufficiently repayred, and yf they be not, in whose
 default the same is.

Item, whether you knowe any, that in con- 39
 tempt of theyr owne parryshe Church, doo resort Resorters to
 to any other Church, other churches.

Item, whether any Inholders, or Alehoule 40
 keepers, do vse commonly to sell meate and drinke Inholders.
 in the tyme of common prayer, preaching, reading
 of the Homilies, or scripture.

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- Deuorſe.** 41 Item, whether you knowe any to be marryed within the degrees prohibited by the lawes of God, or that be separated or deuorced without the degrees prohibited by the lawe of God, and whether any ſuche haue marryed agayne.
- Prīuie con-
tractes.** 42 Item, whether you knowe any to haue made prīuie contractes of matrimonie, not calling two or mo witnelles thereto, nor hauyng thereto the conſent of their parentes.
- Banes.** 43 Item, whether they haue marryed ſolemnely, the banes not firſt lawfully aſked.
- Erecutours.** 44 Item, whether you knowe any Erecutours, or adminiſtrators of dead mens goodes, whiche do not duly beſtowe ſuche of the ſaide goodes as were geuen and bequeathed, or appoynted to be diſtributed among the poore people, repayyng of hygh wayes, findyng of poore ſcollers, or marryyng of poore maydens, or ſuche other lyke charitable deedes.
- Images.** 45 Item, whether you knowe anye that keepe in their houſes anye vndefaced Images, Tables, Pictures, Paintrynges, or other monumentes of faigned and falſe myracles, pylgrimages, idolatrye, and ſuperſtition, and doo adore them, and ſpecially ſuch as haue ben ſet vp in Churches, Chapels, or Oratories.
- Bookes.** 46 Item, what bookes of Gods Scripture you haue

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haue deliuered to be burnt, or other wyse destroyed,
and to whom ye haue deliuered the same.

Item, what byrbes the accusers, promoters,
persecuters, Ecclesiasticall iudges, and other the
Commissioners appoynted within the severall
Diocesse of this Realme, haue receiued by them
selues or other, of those persons whiche were in
trouble, apprehended, or imprisoned for religi-
on.

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Byrbes.

Item, what goodes moueable, landes, fees, of-
fices, or promotions, hath ben wrongfully taken
away in the time of Queene Maries raigne, from
any person whiche fauoured the religion nowe set
foorth.

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Loss of
goodes.

Item, howe many persons for religion haue
died by fyre, famine, or other wyse, or haue ben im-
prisoned for the same.

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Howe many
burnt.

Item, that you make a true presentment of the
number of all the persons whiche died within
your Parishes, sithen the feast of Saint John the
Baptist, which was in the yeere of our Lord God,
a thousande fife hundred fiftie and eyght, vnto
the same feast last past: makynge therein a playne
distinct declaration, how many men, women, and
men chyldren the same were, and the names of the
men.

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Certificate of
the dead.

Item, whether you knowe any man in your

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Secret matters.

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parishe, secretly, or in unlawfull confidences, say
or heare Masse, or any other service prohibited by
the lawe.

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False rumours

Item, whether you knowe any person in your
parishe, to be a slaunderer of his neighbours, or a
sower of discord betwene partie and partie, man
and wife, parents and their chyldren, or that hath
inuented, brailted, or set forth any rumours, false
and seditious tales, slanders, or makers, byn-
gers, byers, sellers, keepers, or conueighers of any
unlawfull booke, which might stirre and prouoke
sedition, or mainteyne superstitious service with-
in this Realme, or any aydours, counsellors, pro-
curers, or mainteyners thereunto.

Unlawfull
bookes.

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Patrone.
Tythes.
Vacacion.

Item, whether the Churche of your parishe be
nowe vacant or no, who is the Patrone thereof,
howe long it hath ben vacant, who doeth retyne
the tythes, oblations, and other commodities du-
ryng the tyme of the vacacion, and by what auc-
thoritie, and in what estate the sayde Churche is
at this tyme, and howe long the Parson or Vicar
hath had that Benefice.

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Minstrelles.

Item, whether any Minstrelles, or any other
persons, do vse to syng or say any songues, or di-
ties that be vse or vncleane, and specially in de-
rision of any godly order nowe set forth and esta-
blished.

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Letanie in En-
glish.

Item, whether the Letanie in Englishe, with
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the Epistle & Gospel, which was by the Queenes
hyghnesse Proclamation wylled to be read to the
people, were put in vse in your Churches, and yf
not, who were the letters thereof.

Item, whether the Curates and Ministers do
leisurely, playnely, and distinctly, reade the pub-
lique Prayers, Chapters, and Homilies, as they
ought to doo.

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Distinct read-
yng.

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unto Christes Church, by Ri-
charde Iugge, printer to the
Queenes Maiestie,

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